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**S&T MONTHLY ACTIVITIES :
1ST THROUGH 30TH JULY, 1993**

Thursday, 1st

HER/RDE - Meeting at INBIFO to discuss future ETS projects.

Friday, 2nd

HER/RIT - EEMA regional meeting, at the Hilton Hotel, in Paris. Main points of discussion were (a)-Update on the current status of EPA issues, (b)-Message development and action plan, (c)-Update of C&B consultancy and conference projects, and (d)-RIT gave a presentation on the ETS/workplace smoking and lung cancer studies.

Monday, 5th

IAM - Meeting with Prof. C. Bieva to discuss the future of his cooperation as Consultant.

Tuesday, 6th

IAM/HER - Continuation of meeting with Prof. C. Bieva.

Wednesday, 7th

HER/IAM - Met with Prof. Baettig, Institute of Behavioural Research, Technical University, Zurich. Main points of discussion were (a)-His ongoing research on physical and psychological parameters connected to smoking and (b)-His willingness to work in his field, after his retirement, as a possible consultant for the Swiss NMA.

Thursday, 8th

HER/RDE/RIT/ANB - Meeting with Cynthia von Maerestetten to discuss the future situation within PMCS in connection with the social programmes. It was agreed upon that social acceptance is by far the most

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important long-term topic as it decides upon the use of our product. Thoughts should be given how to make the point within the Company.

Friday, 9th

HER - Visit to PM/Munich to discuss the research plans of the Scientific Department of the VdC and the status of the VERUM Foundation with Messrs. Hendrys, A. Andrade and U. Beecken.

Monday 12th - Friday, 16th

HER - Took part in the Annual Summer Toxicology Forum in Aspen, Colorado. A separate trip report has been written. The ETS session during this meeting was chaired by E. Wynder and left the audience with the impression that this type of epidemiology used by EPA is exaggerated and not backed up by facts.

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th

RIT/RDE - Visit of Prof. A. Markham, University of Sunderland, GB, to finalize the publication he is to produce on the Sexual Differences in the Etiology of Age Related Disease.

Wednesday, 14th

RDE - Visited Prof. John Gorrod at King's College, London. Status of current grants discussed, (G. Aislaitner has now completed his PhD and will send us a copy of the final thesis shortly) and possible future interests including potential contacts in Turkey.

Thursday, 15th

RDE - Participated in TAC ETS issues meeting. Discussions centred around the wording of a series of bullet point statements on several key areas of ETS science. These bullet points will eventually be cleared by TAC lawyers and will serve as off-the-shelf type responses for TAC public affairs groups.

Monday, 19th

HER - Visited Dr. Helmut Bartsch at the IARC in Lyon to discuss the progress he has made over the years in molecular biology. A second meeting was then organised with Drs. Saracci and Riboli, the main researchers of the multi-centre project on ETS and lung cancer.

Wednesday 21st

RIT - Met with S. Carlson on issues relating to the African growers initiative and the November Tobacco Control Conference to be held in

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Zimbabwe. He was handed a report, written by RIT, based on a review of literature, on the effects on consumption of workplace smoking bans and restrictions on consumption.

Friday, 23rd

HER/RIT - Met with P. Maglione, U. Crettaz, M.-C. Nas to discuss the possible impact of workplace and advertisement prohibitions, and raises in taxations, as well as possible themes to be developed in the issue of social acceptability.

HER - Meeting with Prof. Atteslander to discuss the status of common projects :

a)-Eurobarometer

To the paper written by Prof. Atteslander, a chapter on manipulation and the lack of validation of questions for different cultural regions has been added. It will be published in the September 93 edition of "EUROBAROMETER".

b)-Foundation of a Health Centre

Within the regional research association of Southern Germany an institute has been founded with the name "Centre of Public Health and Health Economy" of which Prof. Atteslander is Director. A research grant was given to him on the general project of "Laymen's Systems and Communal Health Promotion". This will enable him to continue his work after his retirement this Autumn.

c)-EPA Assessment

Prof. Atteslander takes part in a European assessment of the EPA Report which is currently organised by Prof. B. Schneider. Prof. Atteslander took over the chapter dealing with the validation of questionnaires.

d)-China

Prof. Atteslander has received the questionnaire used in the biggest ever health study in the People's Republic of China. It turned out that the regional WHO office in Beijing was not even informed about it. After translation of the questionnaire it will be decided whether this study deals only with technical questions in the health field or also with lifestyle questions. If the latter is the case then Prof. Atteslander will try via his connections with the Chinese Academy of Science to obtain access to the whole system as European expert on questionnaire validation.

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Monday, 26th

HER - Visit to INBIFO to discuss the profile for a position within S&T to act as an alternate in the fields of chemistry, physics and who could take some responsibilities within the VdC.

Wednesday, 28th

HER - Meeting with U. Beecken and A. Andrade at PM/EEC to discuss the VdC research projects.

Thursday, 29th and Friday 30th

RIT - Meeting in London with representatives from the Growers Organisations to further coordinate activities for the November Conference in Zimbabwe, as well as future initiatives. Meeting with SH&B to discuss S&T research projects and consultants.

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